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LB 822, 870

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...complaints from northeast Nebraska where just runoff from ground water...from surface water is causing difficulties, where the...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, at the present time, under LB 870, it can take as long as 120 days from the time Department of Environmental Quality gets a permit application till it's permitted. If they have to have the county sign off on these permits before they can submit them to DEQ, who knows how long that would take? At the present time, if DEQ receives a permit, they have to notify the county within five days and certainly the county will have to take up the issue if it's a zoned county. But we are talking about...we are talking about a possibility of further delays on permitting applications for livestock facilities in the state. Now, there's no rush to do this, but if you're trying to locate a livestock facility or expand a livestock facility in this state, I think 120 days is adequate time for the county to take action on their zoning and I think it's plenty of time for Department of Environmental Quality to examine the plans and to either accept or deny the permit. But, obviously, if the county is zoned and it does not meet their zoning requirements, the facility cannot be built. And so I think with the interim zoning we have in LB 822 this is unnecessary and I still stand in opposition to this amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Preister, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think for this amendment to go anywhere I'm going to need a call of the house, so I might start with a call of the house before I begin my closing.